

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no ☒

Property Name: Bradley Hills-English Village Inventory Number: M:35-143
Address: multiple properties along Wilson Lane and Bradley City: Bethesda Zip Code: _____
County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: Falls Church VA
Owner: multiple property owners Is the property being evaluated a district? ☒ yes
Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Project: MD 188 Agency: SHA
Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no _____ yes _____ Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property is located within a historic district? _____ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district _____ yes Eligible district _____ yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource _____ yes _____ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context _____ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible _____ yes ☒ no

Criteria: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G _____ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: compliance files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

English Village is a section of the extensive Bradley Hills subdivision located in the vicinity of Bradley Boulevard and Wilson Lane in Montgomery County southwest of Bethesda. The Bradley Hills area consisted of over 4000 acres that was developed into sections by real estate speculators after Bradley Road and the trolley line were built in 1912 which connected Chevy Chase to Great Falls. Due to a economic depression in 1913 - 1914 and impacts of WWI, the area did not develop as planned. By 1921, the trolley line service along Bradley Road ended and the tracks were removed in 1926.

The plat for Bradley Hills-English Village was recorded in 1913 and it originally included 12 blocks with approximately 195 lots on Wilson Lane, Bradley Road, Radnor Road, Maiden Lane, Oldchester Road and Aberdeen Road. According to William Offutt's book on Bethesda, the English-Village section of Bradley Hills was suppose to feature "old English type of architecture". Only a few houses of this type were built in English Village. The majority of the houses were built after 1936 by the Bradley Boulevard Development Corporation which developed approximately six blocks in the late 1930s and 1940s. Subsequent development continued in the Bradley Hills-English Village along Wilson Lane by various construction corporations and individuals from the 1940's to the present day.

A variety of common house styles and types are represented in Bradley Hill-English Village including split levels, Cape Cods,

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended ☒
Criteria: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G _____ None
MHT Comments

Andrew Lewis ✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

11/22/02
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Colonial and Tudor Revivals and ranch styles. A reconnaissance survey of the area revealed that many of the houses have been altered and there is a high number of in-fill housing that dates from the 1980s to the present.

Although originally planned in 1912 during the streetcar era in Montgomery county, Bradley-Hills - English Village was not successful and finally developed in the 1930s and 1940s. Due to the lack of integrity of many of the houses, the common styles represented, and the high number of non-contributing properties, the Bradley Hills-English Village is considered not eligible for the National Register of Historic Properties.

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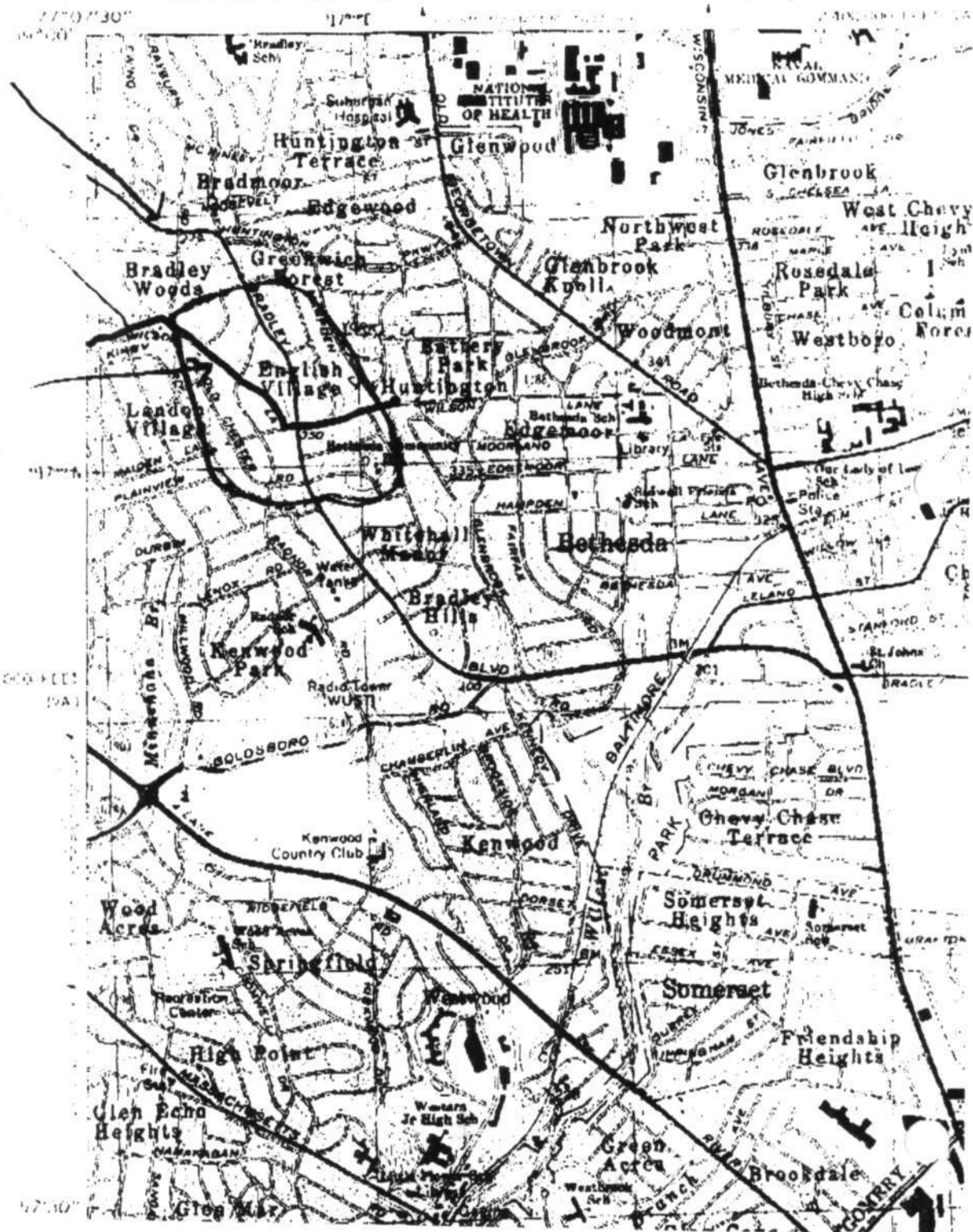
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